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VARI-FOCAL DIFFRACTIVE OPTICAL ELEMENT AND VARIABLE
DECLINATION PRISM) AND ELECTRONIC IMAGE PICKUP UNIT USING
OPTICAL ELEMENTS

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